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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS ENERGY CRISIS: HOOGOVS STEEL MILL

1. HOOGOVS, NETHERLANDS LARGEST STEEL MANUFACTURER HAS REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING STATUS OF ORDERS FOR COKING-COAL PLACED BY HOOGOVS WITH SEVERAL US SUPPLIERS. HOOGOVS COGNIZANT DOMESTIC US ENERGY PROBLEMS AND DOES NOT WANT TO ANTAGONIZE COMPANIES IN QUESTION BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANSWERS DIRECTLY AND VIEWS SITUATION BECOMING INCREASINGLY GRAVE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING HOOGOVS'S SUPPLIERS AND DISCREETLY INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF UNFULFILLED PAST ORDERS AND FUTURE DELIVERES BASED ON EXISTING CONTRACTS.

2. FACTS AS REPORTED BY HOOGOVS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) HOOGOVS HAS PLACED CONTRACTS FOR 2 MILLION TONS COKING-COAL FOR PERIOD APRIL 1973 TO APRIL 1974 WITH FOLLOWING THREE US SUPPLIERS:

ISLAND CREEK COAL CO., LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL CO., PITTSBURG, PA.

CONSOLIDATED COAL CO., PITTSBURG, PA.

(B) SEQUENTIAL DELIVERIES UNDER CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN RUNNING ABOUT 45 PERCENT BELOW AMOUNTS ORIGINALLY CONTRACTED FOR.

(C) UNLESS COAL DELIVERIES REACH CONTRACTED LEVELS, HOOGOVS ESTIMATES THAT, COUPLED WITH OIL REDUCTION IN COMPANY'S ANNUAL FUEL OIL SUPPLY AT 200,000 TONS, IT WILL HAVE TO SIGNIFICANTLY CURTAIL OPERATIONS BY END OF JANUARY 1974.

3. PLEASE CABLE REPLY.

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